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TO: All Commissioners and Alternates

February 18, 1971

FROM: E. Jack Schoop, BCDC representative to MTC

SUBJECT: Initial Liaison Report

Metropolitan Transportation Commission

To adequately fill my role as BCDC's representative on the new Metropolitan Transportation Commission, I will attempt to report regularly on matters of BCDC interest.

The MTC finally had its first meeting February 10 -- with the full complement of 16 voting members present (attached). Briefly, the meeting included these items:

1. In the quest for a chairman, BCDC's chairman Mel Lane was specifically cited as the model MTC should strive for, because Mel has done such a fine job with BCDC.
2. Former BCDC Commissioner and Alameda County Supervisor Joe Bort was elected chairman and his only opponent for the position, Jack Beckett, was named vice chairman.
3. BCDC's interest in new transportation systems to keep future freeways out of the Bay was restated.
4. Chairman Bort reported MTC will give a much fairer shake to mass transportation than previous transportation planning efforts did.
5. I am participating on the Committee named to recommend how the Commission should structure itself.

I will be pleased to amplify or answer questions or hear your views at your Commission meeting or at any other time.

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TO: All Commissioners and Alternates
FROM: E. Jack Schoop, BCDC Representative to MTC

April 12, 1971

SUBJECT: Liaison Report #2

C. J. + Metrop. Transp. Comm.
to BCDC

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission is still in the organizational stage. But it has appointed an interim executive director, named an executive committee, and is hard on the trail of money with which it can operate (it has no source of funds of its own).

Regional planning
CA - SFBay
region

Executive Director

Paul Watt, executive director of the Regional Transportation Planning Committee that has carried on the transportation planning function since the demise of BATSC, has been named executive director of MTC for an initial six-month period.

Executive Committee

The initial executive committee includes: Commission Chairman Joseph P. Bort, Commission vice-chairman John C. Beckett, Healdsburg Mayor William Lucius, Clayton City Councilman Raymond J. Olilla, and San Francisco Attorney John E. Dearman.

Money

The MTC generally has available to it the state and federal highway planning funds that were available to BATSC and RTPC. However, these are almost exclusively restricted to highway planning purposes. Therefore, the major quest of Chairman Bort is to obtain uncommitted funds that can be used to plan transit and other non-highway transportation programs. A number of sources are being explored.

One immediate source of transit planning funds may result from MTC's initial effort to coordinate transit planning in the region. Nine different transit planning programs in the region -- ranging from the Golden Gate Bridge District's Marin corridor project, through Oakland and San Francisco Airport access studies, to BARTD and AC studies -- have been striving unsuccessfully for planning funds from the Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA). MTC can provide the coordination among the projects that UMTA requires, so it is making a single combined application for all the projects, including funds for MTC coordinating personnel.

Development of MTC's Plan of study is being momentarily deferred until conclusion of the initial funding effort which is consuming all available staff and Commission time.

I will be pleased to amplify or answer questions or hear your views at your Commission meeting or at any other time.

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TO: All Commissioners and Alternates
FROM: E. Jack Schoop, BCDC Representative to MTC
SUBJECT: Liaison Report #3

August 27, 1971

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission is getting into business. Chairman Joe Bort and Executive Director Paul Watt have labored hard and successfully to obtain transit planning funds to complement those more readily available for highway planning. The Commission is now beginning to develop its work program. My primary effort has been to foster an approach to planning and public participation similar to BCDC's -- to increase the chances of major shifts in transportation methods that will not be so disruptive of our environment or of minority group needs.

Money

MTC was successful in melding 11 diverse transit planning programs in the Bay Area into a single package to be largely funded by a \$2 million grant from the Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA). The package yields MTC some funds to hire staff to coordinate the projects and set MTC up in the transit planning business. Another \$250,000 has been earmarked for MTC in the State budget out of air pollution funds. The balance of MTC's budget will come from the more readily available state and federal highway planning funds.

Work Program

The MTC's work program is still evolving very slowly because of the demands upon the executive director and chairman to launch the 11 transit planning projects and to actually obtain the grant cash to hire staff and begin operations.

It appears that, initially at least, much of the work program will be influenced by the 11 current projects plus a myriad of Federal planning requirements that are prerequisites to obtaining various Federal funds. A clear-cut "main line" program remains to be established.

My concern is that any substantial transit improvements will require major tax revenue shifts and new action agencies -- both of which will require many public elections in the Bay Area and legislative action in Sacramento. Successful elections and legislative efforts will require widespread public understanding and support. To obtain that understanding and support, I believe MTC must evolve its recommendations in a clear and understandable manner that the general public can follow and participate in -- much the same technique that BCDC used. Inasmuch as major transit breakthroughs are necessary to accomplish the transportation policies enunciated in BCDC's Bay Plan, I am therefore prompting MTC to develop a very clear and open planning process and to foster widespread citizen participation in that process.

I will be pleased to amplify or answer questions or hear your views at your Commission meeting or at any other time.

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TO: All Commissioners and Administrators
FROM: I. Jack Ruby, MTC Representative to JEC

SUBJECT: Liaison Report

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission is getting into business. The Board and Executive Director Paul Wett have taken a very active role in obtaining transit planning funds to complete their study and to develop a transit plan. The Commission is now beginning to develop a transit plan. The primary effort has been to foster an approach to planning and public participation in the process. -- to increase the chance of major action in transportation which will not be so disruptive of our environment or of minority group needs.

Money

MTC was successful in obtaining a major transit planning program in the Bay Area into a single package to be largely funded by a \$2 million grant from the Urban Mass Transportation Administration (U.S.A.). The package yields MTC some funds for that effort to coordinate the project and set MTC up in the transit planning business. Another \$250,000 has been earmarked for MTC in the state budget for air pollution funds. The balance of MTC's budget will come from the state and local state and federal highway planning funds.

Work Program

The MTC's work program is still evolving very slowly because of the delays upon the Executive Director and Chairman to launch the 11 transit planning projects and to actually obtain the grant cash for the first and begin operations.

It appears that, initially at least, much of the work program will be defined by the 11 transit projects plus a series of federal planning requirements that are preconditions to obtaining various federal funds. A clear-cut "work plan" program remains to be established.

My concern is that any substantial transit improvement will require major tax revenue shifts and new action agencies -- both of which will require some public education in the Bay Area and legislative action in Sacramento. Legislative action will require legislative efforts with the state legislature and Congress. I believe MTC must evolve the two-step process to obtain that understanding and support. It is in a clear and understandable manner that the general public can follow and participate in -- much the more technique that MTC needs. Inaction as major transit planning is necessary to accomplish the transportation policies outlined in MTC's Bay Plan. I am therefore proposing MTC to develop a very clear and open planning process and to foster widespread citizen participation in MTC program.

I will be pleased to reply to any questions or hear your views at your convenience meeting or at any other time.

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